

## Message Text

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ACTION EA-12

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R 060532Z SEP 77  
FM AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3962  
INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA  
AMEMBASSY SUVA  
AMCONSUL AUCKLAND POUCH

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EO 11652:N/A  
TAGS: EFIN, TN  
SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF BANK OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC IN  
TONGA

REF: WELLINGTON 03595

1. DURING COURTESY CALL ON SEPTEMBER 2 TONGAN  
CROWN PRINCE TUPOUTO'A AND MINISTER OF LABOR BARON VAEA  
CONFIRMED THAT BANK OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC WOULD BE  
ESTABLISHED IN TONGA, ALTHOUGH BOTH WERE EXTREMELY  
SKETCHY ON DETAILS. CROWN PRINCE MENTIONED THAT VENTURE  
WAS "INTERNATIONAL". ON BEING ASKED FOR SPECIFICS, HE  
AGAIN BECAME VAGUE EXCEPT TO SAY HE THOUGHT SOME ARAB  
MONEY WAS INVOLVED. SENSING OUR INTEREST IN THE VENTURE  
THE CROWN PRINCE DID VOLUNTEER AN ASSURANCE THAT THE  
BANK WOULD NOT BE USED TO LAUNDER MONEY FROM ORGANIZED  
CRIME. IN FACT, HE SAID IT WAS TO AVOID SUCH AN  
ASSOCIATION THAT THE GROUP CLAIMS TO HAVE LEFT THE  
CAYMAN ISLANDS FOR TONGA IN THE FIRST PLACE. SELDEN

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## Message Attributes

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